

WHAT?

The Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) is a comprehensive, long-term habitat conservation program

- Part of the Federal Endangered Species Act and the State Natural Community Conservation Planning Act
- Preserves San Diego's unique, native habitats

- Helps prevent species from becoming endangered
- Addresses the widely diverse needs of 85 species including 32 federally and state listed endangered or threatened species
- Streamlines permitting process for development projects
- Acquires habitat at fair market value from willing sellers
- Ensures flight and migration corridors between foraging grounds for wildlife
- Creates connected blocks of preserves that provide for genetic diversity within species populations

500-year-old sugar pine tree, Cuyamaca Peak

WHERE?

In 1991 the State of California passed the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act and the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) program was adopted to conserve California's natural habitats while accommodating land use.

The Southern California NCCP region is organized into planning "Subregions." The San Diego MSCP covers several Subregions located in southwestern San Diego County. The map at right indicates the MSCP Subregions and the boundary of our NCCP region. The Camp Pendleton Subregion and MHCP (Multiple Habitat Conservation Program) Subregion are also shown on the map. The MSCP Plan targets 171,917 acres of open space for conservation.

WHY?

1

Conserve San Diego's natural areas and quality of life.

Desert dunes

Vernal pool

Riparian habitat

Beach

San Vicente Reservoir

Meadow

Marsh

Hollenbeck Canyon

Oak forest

Conifer forest

Coastal sage scrub

Grassland

Golden poppy field

Chaparral

Desert chaparral

2

Protect San Diego's diversity of native plants & animals, including endangered species.

Desert apricot blossoms

Long-billed curlew

Hermes copper butterfly

Northern flicker

Long-eared Myotis bat

Arraio southwestern toad

Cactus wren

San Diego horned lizard

Orcutt's brodiaea

Southwestern pond turtle

Ring-necked snake

Otay Mesa mint flowers

Gooseberry blossoms

Western bluebird

Downingia

San Diego goldenstar

Quino checkerspot butterfly

Mimulus flowers

Bobcat

Southern mule deer

Elegant terns

Pacific tree frog

Cuyamaca meadow leam

3

Accommodate future growth by streamlining building regulations.

FACTS

San Diego County's Unique Biodiversity

- 42,000+ spiders and insects
- 789 vertebrate animal species (including 23 species of bats)
- 2,000+ plant species (1/3 of California's plants)

San Diego County's Growth

- By 2030, 339,495 additional housing units will be needed to accommodate projected growth**

Projected Population in San Diego County

Year	Projected Population (Millions)
2000	2.8
2010	3.2
2020	3.6
2030	3.9

City of San Diego MSCP Subarea Plan

- Adopted in March 1997
- Conserves 85 species
- Covers 206,124 acres
- Goal is to conserve 52,012 acres

Status	Acres
Preserved	31,444
Obligated	15,632
Remaining	4,436

City of Poway Subarea HCP/NCCP

- Adopted in August 1995
- Conserves 43 species
- Covers 25,047 acres
- Goal is to conserve 10,800 acres

Status	Acres
Preserved	5,337
Remaining	5,463
Obligated	5,240

South County MSCP Subarea Plan

- Adopted in October 1997
- Conserves 85 species
- Covers 242,379 acres
- Goal is to conserve 98,379 acres

Status	Acres
Preserved	57,233
Obligated	21,839
Remaining	19,307

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